



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday, 24 August 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Jessop (Chairman), J Gyngell, M Howell and M Palmer.
In Attendance: Andy Beams (Town Clerk), 1 member of the public

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs D Furness and A Ratcliffe
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2016** – these were approved by Members and signed by Cllr Jessop.

4. Correspondence and communications

- The member of the public stated their dissatisfaction with the limited Saturday and non-existent Sunday bus service. Cllr Jessop informed the member of the public that this was the responsibility of ESCC through their arrangements with licensed service providers. Services were regularly reviewed and based on demand.
- Updated enforcement list as at 8 August was noted. The Town Clerk reminded Members of RDC's position that enforcement was a discretionary function, and that any reports made had to demonstrate what hardship/issues the alleged breach was causing. Therefore, if individuals have concerns over potential enforcement issues, they should be encouraged to report to RDC directly, as the Town Council should not be reporting issues on behalf of others.
- Cllr Fisher had raised concerns regarding the state of certain areas of the Town. The Town Clerk stated that following a similar email sent to the Chairman of the Environment Committee, he had provided responses and photographic evidence showing the true state of the areas in question.
- Cllr Jessop brought to Members attention a request from the Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council to support their objections to a planning application which was contrary to the aspirations of their neighbourhood plan. Members agreed for Cllr Jessop to formulate a suitable response for checking by the Town Clerk before submitting to RDC (copy into Sedlescombe PC).
- A resident had raised the idea of an additional speed hump on the Little Park Farm track. Cllr Jessop agreed to visit the site to view the proposal and if supported, it could be raised at SLR in September.
- The Town Clerk informed Members of newly arranged planning training on 10 November at the Emmanuel Centre. Cllrs Gyngell, Howell and Jessop agreed to attend. Cllr Palmer to let the Town Clerk know if able to attend, and the Town Clerk to contact Cllrs Furness and Ratcliffe to offer the opportunity to attend.
- Decisions received:

GRANTED

- **RR/2016/1415/P 17 Senlac Gardens, Battle**
Re-building of existing rear extension, construction of two storey side extension with minor internal alterations.
- **RR/2016/1419/P & RR/2016/1422/L 93 High Street, Battle**
Proposed new tea museum.

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- **RR/2016/1439/P Asten, Saxonwood Road, Battle**
Internal alterations and the addition of a 2 new dormers at first floor level.
- **RR/2016/1458/P Lower Telham Farm, Telham Lane, Battle**
Variation of conditions 2, 6 & 7 to allow revised access arrangement of planning permission RR/2014/263/P.
- **RR/2016/1507/P Parkridge – land adj. Caldbec Hill, Battle**
Amendments to approved schemes for four new house, applications RR/2011/1475/P, RR/2015/2367/P & RR/2015/2506/P refer. Changes to windows, parking, paths, planting and materials.
- **RR/2016/1595/P 11 Falconers Drive, Battle**
Rear extension.

REFUSED

- **RR/2016/1605/P Oak View, Netherfield Hill, Battle**
Proposed garage conversion, two storey side extension and front entrance porch.
- **RR/2016/1607/P 4 Loose Farm Cottages, Hastings Road, Battle**
Proposed two-storey rear extension.

APPEAL NOTIFICATION

- **RR/2016/555/P 30 Falconers Drive, Battle**
Two storey side extension and single storey additions to front and rear.

5. To consider planning applications received

[RR/2016/1558/P](#) 11 Virgins Croft, Battle, TN33 0JJ

Removal of rear conservatory, small toilet building and front porch. Erection of ground & first floor rear extension. Front facing dormer window.

Member comments: No proposed elevations or plans are available online. Members recommend refusal until all information is available to consider.

[RR/2016/2001/P](#) 68 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AP

Retain 2 existing A/C units on rear flat roof & replacement windows to rear.

Member comments: Members have no objection, but would seek assurances that the A/C units will be turned off overnight.

[RR/2016/2048/P](#) and [RR/2016/2049/L](#) 93 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AQ

Refurbishment of listed building and demolition of rear flat roof extension.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/2070/P](#) Oak View, Netherfield Hill, Battle, TN33 0LE

Proposed garage conversion, single storey side extension with room in roof and front entrance porch.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/1894/L](#) 16 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AG

Replacement of existing ATM and associated internal alterations.

Member comments: No objection

[RR/2016/2028/L](#) 81-82 High Street, Bank Langton House, Battle, TN33 0AQ

Internal alterations to the ground floor comprising the removal of four partition walls, the creation of a fire lobby and the blockwork infill of the existing party wall adjoining No 81 and No82.

Member comments: No objection

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[RR/2016/2086/TN](#) Marley Lane Business Park, Marley Lane, Battle, TN33 0RE

Installation of 3No antennas, relocation of 3No existing antennas and ancillary works.

Member comments: No objection

6. To note responses given under delegated authority to previous applications

Members noted the following responses as agreed under delegated authority:

[RR/2016/1035/P](#) & [RR/2016/1036/L](#) 71-72 High Street, Co-op Supermarket, Battle, TN33 0AG

Replace an existing A/C condenser unit in the rear yard area. New internal layout. Strengthening of part of the ground floor.

Comments: No objection to the a/c units but very concerned about the lack of information relating to the internal alterations. Until that is supplied recommend refusal as it appears that wholesale destruction of the historic elements may occur.

[RR/2016/1941/P](#) 45 Wellington Gardens, Battle, TN33 0HD

Single storey extension to form front entrance porch.

Comments: The front porch proposal appears very large, effectively another room. It appears to be well designed but there is a severe encroachment of the existing building line. Due to its size we recommend refusal.

[RR/2016/1966/P](#) 94 Hastings Road, Heather Hill, Battle, TN33 0TQ

Proposed granny annexe as detached living accommodation to replace existing stable building.

Comments: This proposal is satisfactory but request that a stand condition be applied to ensure that the new unit can only be ancillary to the main house.

[RR/2016/1872/P](#) Beauport Park Golf Course – Bungalow 2, Hastings Road, Battle, TN37 7BP

Creation of additional residential bungalow through conversion of existing residential bungalow (retrospective).

Comments: There are no elevations and either the existing plan should be renamed 'proposed plan' or a new plan given showing the changes. Until correct information is provided we recommend refusal.

[RR/2016/1986/L](#) 71-72 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AG

Paint shop front grey, install non-illuminated fascia and projecting sign and internally illuminated suspended sign.

Comments: Frosted vinyl seems an inappropriate material in a conservation area. The signage seems satisfactory but an opportunity to reconfigure the over large existing picture windows is being missed which are totally out of keeping with the other properties in the High Street. We urge the applicant to reconsider the frontage and to provide new drawings to improve the existing frontage.

[RR/2016/1990/P](#) Minstrells, Netherfield Hill, Battle, TN33 0LH

Conversion of integral garage into habitable accommodation. Dormer window to the rear. Demolish existing car-port and replace with single-storey side extension. Demolish existing rear conservatory and erect a lean-to single storey rear extension. Replacement windows and doors throughout. Composite lap weatherboard cladding to the external walls. Replacement slide-opening timber framed front gate.

Comments: No objection

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[RR/2016/2030/P](#) 16 Vale Road, Battle, TN33 0HE

Two storey rear extension.

Comments: No objection

7. SLR agenda items

Members requested the following items for inclusion on the agenda at the meeting on 21 September:

- Missing signs at Telham Lane / Foreward Lane
- Speed hump on Little Park Farm track (subject to assessment of need by Cllr Jessop)
- Removal of out of date signs around town – Yesterday's World, new roundabout, Battle Golf Club
- Sunken pavement outside Battle Deli
- Taped up post on Abbey Green
- Water on road at Crowhurst Park

8. Matters for information / future agenda items

Following receipt of additional information for application RR/2016/1867/P - Doctors Cottage, Darwell Hill, Battle - Members agreed to submit an amended response stating no objection.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7 September 2016

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Cllr R Jessop
Chairman